



Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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Free Guided Gallery Tour July 14 at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will offer visitors free guided gallery tours through the center's current special exhibits, "About Face: Kentucky Artisan Works Inspired by the Human Face," and "Commissioned to Create: Works by Kentucky Artists Who Created the Governor's Awards (1995-2011)," on Saturday, July 14, 2012, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The main gallery exhibit, "About Face," features a wide range of works in which the human face is a central element, focal point or inspiration. Created by 41 Kentucky artisans working in photography, painting, fiber, clay, wood, gourds, bronze, collage and mixed media, this exhibition showcases both realistic and abstract works.

In the center's lobby is the exhibit "Commissioned to Create: Works by Kentucky Artists Who Created the Governor's Awards (1995-2011)," a display developed by the Kentucky Arts Council. Since 1995, the Kentucky Arts Council has commissioned Kentucky artists to create the awards that are given to recipients of the annual Kentucky Governor's Awards in the Arts.

This exhibit showcases a sample of each award commissioned from 1995 through 2011, along with an additional piece by the artists. Works include gourd sculpture, quilts, stone sculptures, photography, glass, metalwork, wood turnings, porcelain, original prints, fiber, stoneware pottery, low-relief carved wood sculptures and more.

These free guided exhibit tours will be led by Kentucky Artisan Center staff who will talk about the exhibits, the artists and individual works. Staff will answer questions about the techniques and various processes used in the objects featured. This 15-minute tour will be given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

A demonstration by three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers is also scheduled on July 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate -75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth. For information about the center's programming, call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



L-R: Digital collage by Danville artist John Andrew Dixon titled "Children of the Front" on display in "About Face" at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; "Turned Spalted Maple Bowl – 1995 Governor's Award in the Arts" commissioned by the late Rude Osolnik of Berea, on display in "Commissioned to Create" in the lobby of the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea through July 29, 2012